



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : C nfirmati n N . 3623
Yoshiaki TOMOTAKE et al. : Docket No. 2000_1428A
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INK JET RECORDING PAPER

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1774

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 2, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5 to 8 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following claims in their place.

9. (NEW) An ink jet recording paper having a high ink coloring density and a high ink absorption speed, said paper comprising from 10 to 100% by weight of mercerized pulp based on an entire fiber material, having a liquid transfer length in Bristow's method according to J. Tappi No. 51-87 of 100mm or less, when distilled water has been set at 50 μ L in a head box of 1mm slit width and 15mm slit length and the moving speed of a test specimen has been set to 5.0mm/sec.

10. (NEW) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 9 wherein said paper has a coating applied to such an extent as not to exceed the liquid transfer length in Bristow's method of 100mm.

11. (NEW) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 9 wherein said paper has no coating applied for improving an ink absorption.

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12. (New) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 9 wherein said paper making pulp is selected from the group consisting of hardwood unbleached kraft pulp, hardwood bleached kraft pulp, softwood unbleached kraft pulp, softwood bleached kraft pulp, softwood bleached sulfite pulp, thermomechanical pulp, linen pulp, bamboo pulp, straw pulp, kenaf pulp and a mixture of them.
